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**COURT COMMUNICATION ITEM**

**Item Description**

Discussion and any action regarding creation of a juvenile case manager fund.

**Background on Item**

FY 2011 Adopted Fee Schedule included juvenile case manager fee not to exceed \$5 as a cost of court. This fee is required of a defendant convicted of a fine-only misdemeanor offense in a justice court, county court, or county court at law.

**Financial Information**

Fee is not currently being collected. Juvenile Case Manager Fund needs to be created in order to collect the fee as adopted in the fee schedule. Courts will be notified to add the fee to Odyssey if approved.

Per Texas Code of Criminal Procedure section 102.0174 (g) "A fund created under this section may only be used to finance the salary and benefits of a juvenile case manager employed under Article 45.056." Per Article 45.056 the Juvenile Case Manager shall work primarily on cases brought under Section 25.093 & 25.094 of the Education Code (Failure to attend school).

The fines collected in this fund will be used to offset the cost of the Teen Court Coordinator's salary and benefits. This fund is under the direction of the Commissioners Court.